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In re Patent Application of: Masanobu Shigeta et al.

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For: LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY ELEMENT AND

METHOD OF FORMING ALIGNMENT LAYER OF

THE LIQUID CRYSTAL ELEMENT

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## AMENDMENT SUBMITTED WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

## **INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated June 7, 2006, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.